In the Country.

bare. And it shows no signs of spring. But a bluebird set on a swingin' branch

And warbled like anything.

His back was blue as the blue of the skies,

And his breast was pink as a rose. And he looked like a bud of promise there

To bloom when the spring breeze blows.

And I guess he's going to bloom all right.

For another one came his way. And he cottoned to her to beat the band,

And they both had a lot to say.

He fuzzled his feathers and chirped and chirped. And the other one cooed and cooed.

away they flew. In the pleasantest kind of mood.

But they came back soon with straws in their bills. A-chatterin' with delight,

And by and by, when the spring has

I guess they'll blossom all right. -W. J. Lampton, in the New York Sun.

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By Priscilla Leonard.

"Two hundred and fifty dollars on the sixteenth of March," said Gertrude, wrinkling up her forehead. "And here it is February, Dick, and we have only one hundred and ten. We've gone without new clothes all the year; we've eaten only what we couldn't sell; we've been equal to all the articles on 'How to Live on Ten Cents a Week-'

"Indeed we have!" growled fifteenyear-old Dick. "We could run a vegetarian restaurant on our experience. I never want to see a turnip again, or a bowl of mush. There's been enough mush cooked in this house to float a battleship-and neither of us ever did like mush, either. As for clothes, I can save the farm the expense of a scarecrow, anyway," and he held up one boyish arm, the shabby coatsleeve far outgrown by the muscular young wrist. "The advantages of poverty, as a school of greatness, ought to make up for it all, of course, but-"

on. "If I could afford even fifty dol- said Gertrude, slowly. lars to put into settings of eggs and weather tight accommodations and harder than ever. enclosed yards, I could make money. so that we can market the eggs and | hood." Shickens in the city, which we never could do before, because the horse is too old to drive in and out twice a stead." week and do the farm work besides. gether and pay off the notes-and ev- ful face upon him.

en then we can't do it!" "There's only fifty dollars left on the notes," said Dick, encouragingly. "Get old Slater to renew them

"He won't," said Gertrude. "As long as this farm was off in the backwoods he didn't care. But the trolley last week he had waited long enough for his money. He is going to foreclose-he said as much-unless we can raise the money for both notes the hardest part of it; it is worth hav-Gertrude's head went down in her hands in despair.

Dick looked at his sister in dismay. She was only four years older than he, but she had been mother as well as sister to him for so long that he looked up to her strength and ability. His father had been a dreamy, thriftless man who had come back springs old. It was a joited and shabto the old farm from the city for his by pair of young people that drove health, and whose creed had been into the city two hours later, but hope of Florida as a foliage plant and curthat "things would last his time." But Gertrude! The place had already easy. prospered better since Mr. Hendera little indulgence on the old money- an article for it, and always took it." lender's part. If Gertrude gave up,

he said. One hundred and forty dollars more actly how to tell her story. before the sixteenth of March! Dick. All we've got is the farm, and it has The tree man needs the lion's share, nificant figure.

There he is, driving in again. Look!"

Gertrude and Dick met him hospitably on the door-step.

tion to come in. "I see you have a knowing whether she wanted to go up worth transplanting. There are a Then they shook their wings and great many round this part of the country and I sometimes buy several of them here and there, that look as if they might live through transplanting. It's a lottery, for you never can tell, until three years afterward, whether a transplanted tree will live or die. But at a low price I can take the risk. I'm willing to give three or four dollars apiece for good trees the size of yours. If you're willing to Dick, I take it." take my price, it's a bargain."

Gertrude's heart fairly jumped. "How many would you want?" she

"About fifteen or twenty, if you have as many as that that are worth taking. I'll go over and take a look at them," and off he started, with Dick at his heels.

Gertrude's heart fell again. Four dollars for twenty trees-to take the highest rate and largest numberwould be only eighty dollars. That was not enough. Then another thought came into her mind, and as she followed it out, her face grew determined. She could look businesslike when she chose. It was her business look, well known of Dick, that greeted the tree man when he came the next letter with a cordial admiraback, brusquely satisfied with what he had seen.

next week," he said. "The trees are not as large as I should like, but apiece.

"We have not made any bargain," said Gertrude, quietly.

The tree man looked at her. He had only noticed her youth and Dick's interest without trouble. But one and the tumble down farm, and the evident poverty of the place. Now he noticed Gertrude's mouth, and because he was something of a physiognomist, he change his tone.

"I make you an offer of three dol-There was an eloquent pause, Ger- lars a tree for twenty trees, and I rampant, on a mortgage, gules, with trude began figuring again, for the will put it in writing if you wish. I twentieth time, on a scrap of paper. represent the firm of Williams & "I wouldn't mind so much," she Prendergast"-and he took a business said, disconsolately, "if we'd had our card out of his pocket and handed it chance and failed. But I can't get to her. "My name is Sutton."

"I will consider the offer and write "There are the chickens," she went to you within a week, Mr. Sutton,"

The tree man looked at her now

"I am not sure our offer will hold There's the trolley-line coming this a week," he said, "as I am in treaty spring right by the foot of the lane, for some other trees in the neighbor-

"Very well," said Gertrude, "I will wait, then, till you write to me in-

Mr. Sutton smiled uneasily. "We With your fancy vegetables and my can wait-er-till next Friday," he chickens we could make this place said. Dick stared, and felt his conpay by spending a little. Instead of fidence in Gertrude returning. He that, we have to strip everything to was not surprised when, after the get the interest on the mortgage to- man drove away, she turned a cheer-

> "Dick, those trees are worth something!" she cried.

"Three dollars apiece," responded Dick. "But twenty times three-" "I did that sum while you took him | Every facility for bathing. Quickto the grove. It isn't enough. But, sands! Sharks! Dick, the next thing I thought of was changes all that. Mr. Slater told me that there aren't any other elm-trees like those for a good many miles M. F. H., published the other day, round. Mr. Sutton saw them yester- may be of interest: day and asked you about them. Then he drove on-to look for others. He day, beginning with a fast fifteen minand interest. He wants the farm, He had to come back-because he didn't utes, in which one man broke his thinks it's worth having, Dick. That's find any others And if he wants them he will have to pay us five dollars horse's back; one was in bed yestering, just sa we have to lose it." And apiece at least. What I wanted, Dick, was time to find out what trees had a fall and lamed his horse, and are worth. You hitch up Rex, and Lady -hurt hers very badly.-Lonwe'll drive into the city."

Dick's eyes widened. "You're a daisy!" was his brotherly comment, and he hurried old Rex into the har-

ness with boyish zeal. The roads were rough, the wagon rode with them and made the way

"I don't know a soul we can ask," son's death, through her energy. An- Gertrude had said, as she jumped other year would have seen them into the wagon, "except the editor of through the worst of the debts, with the Farm Journal. Father once wrote

But the girl felt very shy, just if Gertrude felt the fight was hope- the same, when she was ushered inless, then indeed the crisis was des- to the editor's office, to find, instead perate! Dick felt he must say some- of the gray-haired sage she expected, an energetic young man who was "We can sell the horse and-and busy with a stenographer and a the furniture, if it comes to that," printer's boy. He was not too busy, however, to give her attention in a "We can't farm without Rex, and he few minutes, and ask her leading wouldn't bring anything to speak of. questions, when she did not know ex-

"H'm! Three dollars. How old are I've lain awake and gone over every- the trees, did you say? Sutton? Five visitations of frost. thing we have in the world to sell, dollars a possible price? My dear and seventy-five dollars is the very Miss Henderson, I know a man who most, even if anybody wanted to buy. paid one hundred and fifty dollars for We haven't any relations that aren't a single eighteen-inch elm for his en sheets. On account of the inas poor as we are, and father never lawn the other day. He paid it-I creased cost of linen, this branch of had a rich friend, nor mother either. don't say you can get it for yours. trade has dwindled down to an insig-

not even any timber land, or water for he has to have special carts, built The tree by the gate is brown and right, or anything on it to sell ex- in sections, with a chute to slide the cept the house and barn and fences. tree, earth and all, into the holes pre-That grove father planted might be pared for them; and he has to know worth cutting down some day, but not just how and when to dig up the trees; and knowledge is money. I "There was a man driving by yes- wouldn't advise you to ask more than terday, who stopped and asked me twenty-five dollars apiece for your about those trees," said Dick, sud- trees, because you might not get it. denly. "He wanted to know how old You write Mr. Sutton that you have they were, and how many of them. consulted with one who is familiar with the rates, and that twenty-five A well-dressed man, in a light bug- is your price-for twenty trees. I gy, drove up the lane and hitched think I can guess who Sutton wants his horse by the barn. He looked them for-Allen, the millionaire, round the farmyard, with its lack of whose house is just finished, out by prosperity, with a considering eye, the lake. In that case, you might and then came up to the shabby get more, but twenty-five is a certain-

ty. I'd be glad to know how you succeed-you needn't thank me. I wish I had a few elm trees myself for sale. "Thank you, I haven't time," was Good-by, Miss Henderson!" and Gerhis brusque answer to their invita- trude went out to the elevator, not few elm trees out there that might be or down, the confusion of her joy was so great.

"But I can't believe it. Dick. till it really happens," she said, over and over again on the way home.

"Never you mind," said Dick, "You write the letter tonight, and make it hot and strong about expert opinion. Say, don't you think thirty would be worth trying for?"

"No, I don't," said Gertrade, laugh-"When I ask expert opinion,

When Mr. Sutton, of Williams & Prendergast, opened his mail two days later, he whistled dolefully over one letter

"Whew! Wherever did she find

out?" he said to himself. "That's straight enough, though. First-rate eighteen-inch elms are scarce enough even at twenty-five, and that grove has just about the same exposure and soil as Allen's place, so the trees will take the transplanting kindly. The girl couldn't know that though, She's clever-that's all. When a woman has business sense, she has it, young or old, and that's all there is to it. Well if I can't get the profit out of her, we'll have to get it out of Allen, or get on with less." And he passed to

tion for Miss Gertrude Henderson. "Just think," said Gertrude, a week "I'll send my men out some day later, as she and Dick were again driving into the city, "you're going to get a suit of clothes, and I'm going they'll pass muster at three dollars to buy a wonderful dress, and we can have poultry-yards, and an incubator, and cold-frames for the early vegetables; and next year we can look Mr. Slater in the face and pay his hundred and forty dollars is going in bank today, Dick, so as to be ready for him.'

"There are still a dozen elms left," suggested Dick. "If ever I have a the motto, 'Treed at last!' Aren't you going to ask the editor of the Farm Journal out to tea? If you don't you are a heartless ingrate."

This accounts for-but that is another story of romance, not of mortgages.-Youth's Companion.

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Those who like a spice of danger in their recreation-"that sting in the wine of being, salt of its feast," of which Mr. Stephen Phillips singswill be attracted by the following advertisement, which appears in a monthly journal:

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The latest industrial possibility discovered in Florida's varied semi-tropical vegetation is the commercial production of camphor. The camphor tree has been grown in many parts

iosity but it remained for the De-

Camphor From Florida,

partment of Agriculture experts to trealize the commercial possibilities of this exotic plant, During the past year a number of trees in different parts of the State were placed at the disposal of the Department's investigators, and from these 30 pounds of camphor gum

were produced. This, upon refining,

proved to be in every way a perfect-

ly satisfactory substitute for the Oriental article. It is declared by the Department's plant expert that the camphor tree can be grown to advantage in many parts of Florida which have been abandoned for orange culture owing to the danger incident to occasional

Formerly the dowry of every peasant girl in Spain included a set of lin-

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts.

Miss Emma L. Worstall, of Newtown, and Walter Scott, of Wrightstown, were married in the Newtown Friends' Meeting House. The ceremony was according to the Soclety of Friends, under care of the Makefield Monthly Meeting. overseers were Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Newlin Ely. Miss Edna Scofield, of Moyian, Pa., was maid of honor, and Howard Wright, of Rochester, N. Y., was best man. Evan T. Worthington, of Newton, read the marriage certificate, which was signed by hree hundred persons. A reception followed the ceremony. It was held at the home of the bride's father, George C. Worstall, and attended by nearly one hundred and fifty per-

Fire destroyed the large flour mill belonging to the Albert Bromer estate and operated by George H. Shoemaker below Schwenksville. The loss is \$20,000 and insurance \$5000. This is the third time the mill at this site was burned.

Mrs. Henry Neff, of Pottsville, when she awoke found that her 2year-old son, Henry, was lying dead in bed beside her. The child had been smothered during the night by rolling itself in the blanket. It was in perfect health when put to sleep.

dustries and polluting the Schuylthe storm water sewers. Mayor Gerthrough which it will be purified before reaching the river. It is also

Gabriel Heister, of Harrisburg. J.

the society Nathan Wilcox, an inmate of the Danville Hospital for the Insane, was thought to have escaped Tuesday night and a search covering several miles was made. Wilcox was later found hiding under a bed in one of of the dormitories.

The large frame barn owned by Samuel Egolf, of Spring City, burned to the ground, together with the entire Summer crop of grain and hay, eight cows, one horse and all the farming implements. Total loss

is about \$3000, no insurance. Rev. Dr. William Barnes Lower. pastor of the fashionable Calvary Presbyterian Church, of Wyncote, will sail on February 7 for a three

The Blair County Court granted a rule to revoke the license of the Altamont Hotel, the largest hotel in the county, on the grounds that the proprietor declined to sell liquors across the bar to colored people. The hotel men of the county are discussing the advisability of opening Jim Crow bar-rooms to avoid outbreaks of race prejudice.

It has been decided that the night schools must be closed until the contagious diseases now afflicting the children of Scranton are checked. That the health authorities have control of the stiuation now seems evident. The school buildings are to be fumigated and all text books are not to be taken from homes

There are 124 prisoners in the Northampton County Jail, the greatest number in the history of the county. The number of prisoners have increased about 30 per cent. in the last year. The jail is overcrowded. Many of the prisoners are men sentenced to thirty days and less by the police courts of Easton. It has been suggested that if these men were placed on a bread and water diet during their Imprisonment the fact would soon become generally known, and the number of prisoners would probably be reduced.

John Beloss and George Stebenitz, foreigners, while crossing the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Mount Etna in attempting to get out of the way of a freight train, walked over the side and fell into the Juniata River many feet below. Both were drowned.

Henry Overkatt, a resident of Rocktown, a farming village near Ashland, was found dead on the road leading to Locust-Dale at an early hour the other morning. He was lying face downward in a pool of water and the supposition is that he fell and was drowned. The pool was but four inches deep.

sylvania Railroad ran down and instantly killed Mrs. Fred Hall, years old, near Mill Creek. sand works near that place.

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that we must attach ourselves to it

and love it for itself .- Rev. Charles

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Thomas Sheerer Parker, the oldest in point of practice of the members of the Allegheny County bar, died of slow paralysis, the result of being run down by an automobile 16 months ago. He was born in Carlisle, April 2, 1840, and was graduated from Dickinson College. He served in the Civil War and took part in the battle of Antietam. In 1869 he settled in Pittsburg and began the practice of law. He leaves his widow, one son, two daughters and a brother, Dr. Joseph B. Parker, a retired naval officer, of Philadel-

The State Department of Health has sent a communication to Reading requesting that notice be taken of the refuse emitting from local inkill, to which it is conveyed through ber met with the Board of Public Works and advised that action be taken to remedy the matter. It was decided that the most feasible plan taking care of the waste water would be to allow connection to be made with the house sewer system. proposed to establish a municipal laboratory to make analytic tests of water and milk.

The annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society was held at Harrisburg. The program opened with an address by the president, H. Hale, of Glastonbury, Conn., spoke on "Money in Peach Culture." There were also short talks by State Zoologist Surface, Representative Creasy of Catawissa, and other members of

months' tour of the Orient.

Jonathan Rumberger died at Shamokin. He was a Civil War veteran and participated in many engagements on Southern battlefields.

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